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TITLE: Biosynthesis of amorpho-4,11-diene

PUBLICATION-DATE: January 8, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	RULE-47
Keasling, Jay	Berkeley	CA	US	
Martin, Vincent	Kensington	CA	US	
Pitera, Douglas	Oakland	CA	US	
Withers, Sydnor T. III	Richmond	CA	US	
Newman, Jack	Berkeley	CA	US	

US-CL-CURRENT: [435/146](#); [435/193](#), [435/252.3](#), [435/320.1](#), [536/23.2](#)

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030148479 A1

TITLE: Biosynthesis of isopentenyl pyrophosphate

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 7, 2003

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	RULE-47
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Martin, Vincent	Kensington	CA	US	

Pitera, Douglas	Berkeley	CA	US
Kim, Seon-Won	Jeongdong-myeon Sacheon	CA	KR
Withers, Sydnor T. III	Richmond	CA	US
Yoshikuni, Yasuo	Berkeley	CA	US
Newman, Jack	San Francisco	CA	US
Khlebnikov, Artem Valentinovich	Mountain View		US

US-CL-CURRENT: 435/131; 435/252.3, 435/320.1, 435/471

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PUB-NO: EP000982404A1

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: EP 982404 A1

TITLE: DNA encoding amorpha-4,11-diene synthase

PUBN-DATE: March 1, 2000

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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INT-CL (IPC): C12 N 15/60; C12 N 15/70; C12 N 15/82; C12 N 9/88; C12 N 5/10; C12 N 1/21; C12 P 5/00; C12 P 17/18; A01 H 5/00

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TITLE: Synthesizing amorpha-4,11-diene in a host cell, useful as pharmaceuticals, comprises introducing nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate

INVENTOR: KEASLING, J; MARTIN, V ; NEWMAN, J ; PITERA, D ; WITHERS, S T

PRIORITY-DATA: 2003US-0411066 (April 9, 2003), 2001US-0006909 (December 6, 2001)

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Oct 23, 2003

DERWENT-ACC-NO: 2000-258617

DERWENT-WEEK: 200381

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TITLE: New isolated DNA sequences and polypeptides comprising amorpha-4,11-diene synthase activity, useful for production of amorphadiene and/or artemisinin

INVENTOR: BOUWMEESTER, H J; WALLAART, T E ; WALLAART, T E D

PRIORITY-DATA: 1998EP-0202854 (August 27, 1998)

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WO 200012725 A2	March 9, 2000	E	000	C12N015/60
AU 9957423 A	March 21, 2000		000	C12N015/60
EP 1108041 A2	June 20, 2001	E	000	C12N015/60
BR 9913196 A	September 25, 2001		000	C12N015/60
ZA 200101455 A	October 31, 2001		060	C12N000/00
CN 1321194 A	November 7, 2001		000	C12N015/60
JP 2002523101 W	July 30, 2002		053	C12N015/09
MX 2001002040 A1	May 1, 2002		000	A01H005/00

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:18837 HCAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:92683  
TITLE: Preparation of **amorpha-4, 11-diene** with transgenic microorganisms producing isopentenyl- and dimethylallyl pyrophosphates  
INVENTOR(S): Keasling, Jay; Martin, Vincent; Pitera, Douglas; Withers, Sydnor T.; Newman, Jack  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): USA  
SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 75 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 6,909.  
CODEN: USXXCO  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
LANGUAGE: English  
FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 2  
PATENT INFORMATION:

PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
US 2004005678	A1	20040108	US 2003-411066	20030409
US 2003148479	A1	20030807	US 2001-6909	20011206
PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:			US 2001-6909	A2 20011206

AB Methods for synthesizing **amorpha-4,11-diene** from isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. **Amorpha-4,11-diene** is then produced with the transgenic microorganism which is further transformed with an optimized **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase gene. The **amorpha-4,11-diene** may be used in synthesis of the antimalarial drug artemisinin. Thus, **amorpha-4,11-diene** was prepd. from mevalonate supplied in the medium with Escherichia coli transformed with plasmid pBBRMDIS-2, contg. the yeast genes idi (for isopentenyl pyrophosphate isomerase) and ispA (for farnesyl pyrophosphate synthase) and the genes for mevalonate kinase, phosphomevalonate kinase, mevalonate pyrophosphate decarboxylase, and **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase. The yield was 2 .mu.g **amorpha-4,11-diene** /mL.

L5 ANSWER 2 OF 15 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:242499 HCAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 138:270406  
TITLE: Plant enzymes for bioconversion of sesquiterpenes  
INVENTOR(S): Bouwmeester, Hendrik Jan; De Kraker, Jan-Willem; Schurink, Marloes; Bino, Raoul John; De Groot, Aede; Franssen, Maurice Charles Rene  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Plant Research International B.V., Neth.  
SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 91 pp.  
CODEN: PIXXD2  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
LANGUAGE: English  
FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 1  
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WO 2003025193	A1	20030327	WO 2002-NL591	20020917

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 NE, SN, TD, TG

PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.: EP 2001-203519 A 20010917

AB The invention provides the use of enzymes derived from plants in biocatalysis. The regio- and stereoselective introduction of an oxygen group into an unactivated org. compd. is still a largely unresolved challenge to org. chem. (Faber, 2000). We have shown that enzymes of Asteraceae species are capable of converting with high regio- and stereospecificity for example sesquiterpene olefins to com. interesting products.

REFERENCE COUNT: 6 THERE ARE 6 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD. ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L5 ANSWER 3 OF 15 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:609986 HCAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 139:160786

TITLE: Biosynthesis of isopentenyl pyrophosphate using recombinant microbial metabolic pathways

INVENTOR(S): Keasling, Jay; Martin, Vincent; Pitera, Douglas; Kim, Seon-Won; Withers, Sydnor T.; Yoshikuni, Yasuo; Newman, Jack; Khlebnikov, Artem Valentinovich

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): USA

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 40 pp.

CODEN: USXXCO

DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent

LANGUAGE: English

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US 2004005678	A1	20040108	US 2003-411066	20030409

PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.: US 2001-6909 A2 20011206

AB Methods for synthesizing isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. A related method comprises introducing into a host microorganism an intermediate in the mevalonate pathway and at least one heterologous nucleic acid sequence, each sequence coding for an enzyme in the mevalonate pathway necessary for converting the intermediate into isopentenyl pyrophosphate. The invention also provides nucleic acid sequences, enzymes, expression vectors, and transformed host cells for carrying out the methods.

L5 ANSWER 4 OF 15 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003324605 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12778056

TITLE: Engineering a mevalonate pathway in Escherichia coli for production of terpenoids.

AUTHOR: Martin Vincent J J; Pitera Douglas J; Withers Sydnor T; Newman Jack D; Keasling Jay D

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemical Engineering, 201 Gilman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720-1462, USA.

SOURCE: Nature biotechnology, (2003 Jul) 21 (7) 796-802.  
 Journal code: 9604648. ISSN: 1087-0156.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States

DOCUMENT TYPE: (EVALUATION STUDIES)  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 200404  
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Entered Medline: 20040406

AB Isoprenoids are the most numerous and structurally diverse family of natural products: Terpenoids, a class of isoprenoids often isolated from plants, are used as commercial flavor and fragrance compounds and antimalarial or anticancer drugs. Because plant tissue extractions typically yield low terpenoid concentrations, we sought an alternative method to produce high-value terpenoid compounds, such as the antimalarial drug artemisinin, in a microbial host. We engineered the expression of a synthetic **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase gene and the mevalonate isoprenoid pathway from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in *Escherichia coli*. Concentrations of amorphaadiene, the sesquiterpene olefin precursor to artemisinin, reached 24 microg caryophyllene equivalent/ml. Because isopentenyl and dimethylallyl pyrophosphates are the universal precursors to all isoprenoids, the strains developed in this study can serve as platform hosts for the production of any terpenoid compound for which a terpene synthase gene is available.

L5 ANSWER 5 OF 15 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:972642 HCAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 139:97975  
TITLE: Hydroxylation of sesquiterpenes by enzymes from chicory (*Cichorium intybus* L.) roots  
AUTHOR(S): de Kraker, Jan-Willem; Schurink, Marloes; Franssen, Maurice C. R.; Konig, Wilfried A.; de Groot, Aede; Bouwmeester, Harro J.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratory of Organic Chemistry, Wageningen University, Wageningen, 6703 HB, Neth.  
SOURCE: Tetrahedron (2003), 59(3), 409-418  
CODEN: TETRAB; ISSN: 0040-4020  
PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science Ltd.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB A microsomal enzyme prepn. of chicory roots catalyzes the hydroxylation of various sesquiterpene olefins in the presence of NADPH. Most of these hydroxylations take place at an isopropenyl or isopropylidene group. The no. of products obtained from any of the substrates is confined to one or, in a few cases, two sesquiterpene alcs. In addn., the conversion of (+)-valencene into nootkatone through .beta.-nootkatol was obsd. The involvement of (+)-germacrene A hydroxylase (a cytochrome P 450 enzyme) and other enzymes of sesquiterpene lactone biosynthesis in these reactions is discussed.

REFERENCE COUNT: 30 THERE ARE 30 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD. ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:904551 HCAPLUS  
TITLE: Western Australian sandalwood oil-new constituents of *Santalum spicatum* (R. Br.) A. DC. (Santalaceae)  
AUTHOR(S): Valder, Claudia; Neugebauer, Michael; Meier, Manfred; Kohlenberg, Birgit; Hammerschmidt, Franz-Josef; Braun, Norbert A.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Pharmazeutisches Institut, Universitaet Bonn, Bonn, D-53115, Germany  
SOURCE: Journal of Essential Oil Research (2003), 15(3), 178-186  
CODEN: JEOREG; ISSN: 1041-2905  
PUBLISHER: Allured Publishing Corp.



DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Com. Australian sandalwood oil produced from *Santalum spicatum* (R. Br.) A. DC. roots was analyzed using GC and GC/MS. Seventy constituents were identified: four monoterpenes, 64 sesquiterpenes and two others. Four compds. (Z)-.beta.-curcumen-12-ol, (Z)-12-hydroxysesquicineole, 6,10-epoxybisabol-2-en-12-ol and nor-helifolen-12-al were found to our knowledge for the first time in nature and were characterized using 1H-, 13C-NMR, GC/FTIR and GC/MS analyses.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:187822 HCAPLUS  
TITLE: Cloning, E. coli expression and molecular analysis of a novel sesquiterpene synthase gene from *Artemisia annua*  
AUTHOR(S): Liu, Yan; Ye, Hechun; Li, Guofeng  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Key laboratory of Plant Photosynthesis and Environmental Molecular Physiology, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, 100093, Peop. Rep. China  
SOURCE: Zhiwu Xuebao (2002), 44(12), 1450-1455  
CODEN: CHWHAY; ISSN: 0577-7496  
PUBLISHER: Kexue Chubanshe  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB 1 886 bp full-length sesquiterpene synthase (AaSES) cDNA was cloned from a high-yield *Artemisia annua* L. strain 001 by a rapid amplification of cDNA end (RACE) strategy. AaSES was 59% identical to *Artemisia cyclase* cDNA clone cASCl25, 50% identical to epi-cedrol synthase from *A. annua*, 48% identical to **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase from *A. annua*, 39% identical to the 5-epi-aristolechene synthase from tobacco, 38% identical to vetispiradiene synthase from *H. muticus*, 41% identical to the .delta.-cadinene synthase from cotton. The coding region of the cDNA was inserted into a procaryotic expression vector pET-30a and overexpressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3). The cyclase proteins extd. from bacterial culture were found largely in an insol. protein fraction. AaSES expressed in leaves, stems and flowers, not in roots as indicated by Northern blotting anal.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002411374 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12165305  
TITLE: Volatile components from European liverworts *Marsupella emarginata*, *M. aquatica* and *M. alpina*.  
AUTHOR: Adio Adewale Martins; Paul Claudia; Konig Wilfried A; Muhle Hermann  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut fur Organische Chemie, Universitat Hamburg, Martin-Luther-King Platz-6, D-20146 Hamburg, Germany.  
SOURCE: Phytochemistry, (2002 Sep) 61 (1) 79-91.  
Journal code: 0151434. ISSN: 0031-9422.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
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AB The hydrodistillation products of the liverworts *Marsupella emarginata*, *M. aquatica* and *M. alpina* were investigated by spectroscopic methods. A number of new compounds could be isolated by preparative gas

chromatography (GC) and identified by spectroscopic techniques including GC-mass spectrometry, NMR and chemical correlations in conjunction with enantioselective GC. From *M. emarginata*, in addition to many known compounds, the sesquiterpene hydrocarbon (-)-7-epi-eremophila-1(10),8,11-triene (1) and the sesquiterpene derivatives (-)-4-epi-marsupellol (2), (-)-marsupellol acetate (18), (-)-4-epi-marsupellol acetate (4), (+)-5-hydroxymarsupellol acetate (5) and (-)-9-acetoxygymnomitr-8(12)-ene (24) could be identified. In *M. aquatica* the sesquiterpene hydrocarbons (-)-myltayl-8(12)-ene (7), ent-(+)-**amorpha-4,11-diene** (8), (-)-amorpha-4,7(11)-diene (9), the sesquiterpene alcohol (+)-9-hydroxyselina-4,11-diene (10) and (-)-2-acetoxymorpha-4,7(11)-diene (11) were identified. In *M. alpina* (-)-trans-selina-4(15),11-dien-5-ol (12), (+)-8,9-epoxyselina-4,11-diene (13) and (+)-cis-selina-4(15),11-dien-5-ol (14) were found as new natural products.

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L5 ANSWER 9 OF 15 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 3  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001197498 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11289612  
 TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene**  
 synthase: cloning and functional expression of a key enzyme  
 in the biosynthetic pathway of the novel antimalarial drug  
 artemisinin.  
 AUTHOR: Wallaart T E; Bouwmeester H J; Hille J; Poppinga L; Maijers  
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: GenoClipp Biotechnology BV, Meditech Center, Groningen, The  
 Netherlands.. mail@genoclipp.com  
 SOURCE: Planta, (2001 Feb) 212 (3) 460-5.  
 Journal code: 1250576. ISSN: 0032-0935.  
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AB The sesquiterpenoid artemisinin, isolated these from the plant *Artemisia annua* L., and its semi-synthetic derivatives are a new and very effective group of antimalarial drugs. A branch point in the biosynthesis of this compound is the cyclisation of the ubiquitous precursor farnesyl diphosphate into the first specific precursor of artemisinin, namely **amorpha-4,11-diene**. Here we describe the isolation of a cDNA clone encoding **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase. The deduced amino acid sequence exhibits the highest identity (50%) with a putative sesquiterpene cyclase of *A. annua*. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyses the formation of **amorpha-4,11-diene** from farnesyl diphosphate. Introduction of the gene into tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.) resulted in the expression of an active enzyme and the accumulation of **amorpha-4,11-diene** ranging from 0.2 to 1.7 ng per g fresh weight.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:314515 HCAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 135:134657  
 TITLE: Volatile constituents in mosses (Musci)  
 AUTHOR(S): Saritas, Y.; Sonwa, M. M.; Iznaguen, H.; Konig, W. A.;  
 Muhle, H.; Mues, R.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut fur Organische Chemie, Universitat Hamburg,  
 Hamburg, D-20146, Germany  
 SOURCE: Phytochemistry (2001), 57(3), 443-457  
 CODEN: PYTCAS; ISSN: 0031-9422

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AB The essential oils of mosses of the genera Mnium, Plagiomnium, Homalia, Plagiothecium and Taxiphyllum (Musci) have been investigated by gas chromatog. and mass spectrometry. The new sesquiterpenes (+)-10-epi-muurolo-4,11-diene (I) and 10,11-dihydro-.alpha.-cuparenone (II) were isolated by preparative gas chromatog. and identified as major constituents of the hydrodistn. products of Mnium hornum (Hedw.) using NMR and mass spectrometry. In addn., (+)-dauca-8,11-diene (III) and two new butenolides, 3,4,5-trimethyl-5-pentyl-5H-furan-2-one and 3,4-dimethyl-5-pentyl-5H-furan-2-one were identified as constituents in Plagiomnium undulatum (Hedw.) T. Kop. Although the amts. of volatiles present in the investigated mosses are generally smaller than in liverworts, the spectrum of terpenoid compds. is similar. The investigated mosses also generate aliph. compds. of greater abundance and structural variety.

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TITLE: Artemisia annua **amorpha-4, 11-diene** synthase, its cDNA, recombinant expression, and methods of **amorpha -4,11-diene** and artemisinin synthesis via transgenic plants

INVENTOR(S): Wallaart, Thorvald Eelco; Bouwmeester, Hendrik Jan  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Neth.

SOURCE: Eur. Pat. Appl., 41 pp.

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AB **Amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase from Artemisia annua L., its cDNA, recombinant expression, and methods of

prepg. **amorpha-4,11-diene** and artemisinin from farnesyl pyrophosphate (FPP) using transgenic organism are provided. **Amorpha-4,11-diene** is a precursor of the new anti-malarial drug artemisinin produced by the plant *Artemisia annua* L. A cDNA encoding **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase from *A. annua* has been isolated and sequenced, and the corresponding amino acid sequence has been detd. Recombinant **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase expressed in *E. coli*, transgenic tobacco, and transgenic *A. annua* catalyzed conversion of FPP into **amorpha-4,11-diene**. Further conversion of **amorpha-4,11-diene** into artemisinin was obsd. in transgenic *A. annua*. The invention may be useful in obtaining enhanced prodn. of stereochem. desirable artemisinin.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001128077 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11185551  
 TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase of *Artemisia annua*: cDNA isolation and bacterial expression of a terpene synthase involved in artemisinin biosynthesis.  
 AUTHOR: Chang Y J; Song S H; Park S H; Kim S U  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: School of Agricultural Biotechnology and the Research Center for New Biomaterials in Agriculture, Seoul National University, Suwon, Korea.  
 SOURCE: Archives of biochemistry and biophysics, (2000 Nov 15) 383 (2) 178-84.  
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AB *Artemisia annua*, an indigenous plant to Korea, contains an antimalarial sesquiterpene, artemisinin. The first committed step of artemisinin biosynthesis is the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate by a sesquiterpene synthase to produce an amorphan-type ring system. The aims of this research were to molecularly clone and express **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase for metabolic engineering. PCR amplification of genomic DNA with a pair of primers, designed from the conserved regions of sesquiterpene synthases of several plants, produced a 184-bp DNA fragment. This fragment was used in Northern blot analysis as a probe, showing approximately 2.2 kb of a single band. Its sequence information was used to produce 2106 bp of a full-length cDNA sequence including 1641 bp of open reading frame for 546 amino acids (kcs12) through a rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE). The deduced amino acid sequence displayed 36% identity with 5-epi-aristolochene synthase of *Nicotiana tabacum*. A soluble fraction of *Escherichia coli* harboring kcs12 catalyzed the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate to produce a sesquiterpene, which was identified through GC-MS analysis as **amorpha-4,11-diene**.

L5 ANSWER 13 OF 15 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 5  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000479808 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11032404  
 TITLE: Molecular cloning, expression, and characterization of **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase, a key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis in

Artemisia annua L.  
 AUTHOR: Mercke P; Bengtsson M; Bouwmeester H J; Posthumus M A;  
 Brodelius P E  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Plant Biochemistry, Lund University, Sweden.  
 SOURCE: Archives of biochemistry and biophysics, (2000 Sep 15) 381  
 (2) 173-80.  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
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 OTHER SOURCE: GENBANK-AF138959  
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AB In plants, sesquiterpenes of different structural types are biosynthesized from the isoprenoid intermediate farnesyl diphosphate. The initial reaction of the biosynthesis is catalyzed by sesquiterpene cyclases (synthases). In *Artemisia annua* L. (annual wormwood), a number of such sesquiterpene cyclases are active. We have isolated a cDNA clone encoding one of these, **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase, a putative key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis. This clone contains a 1641-bp open reading frame coding for 546 amino acids (63.9 kDa), a 12-bp 5'-untranslated end, and a 427-bp 3'-untranslated sequence. The deduced amino acid sequence is 32 to 51% identical with the sequence of other known sesquiterpene cyclases from angiosperms. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyzed the formation of both olefinic (97.5%) and oxygenated (2.5%) sesquiterpenes from farnesyl diphosphate. GC-MS analysis identified the olefins as (E)-beta-farnesene (0.8%), amorpha-4,11diene (91.2%), amorpha-4,7(11)-diene (3.7%), gamma-humulene (1.0%), beta-sesquiphellandrene (0.5%), and an unknown olefin (0.2%) and the oxygenated sesquiterpenes as amorpha-4-en-11-ol (0.2%) (tentatively), amorpha-4-en-7-ol (2.1%), and alpha-bisabolol (0.3%) (tentatively). Using geranyl diphosphate as substrate, **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase did not produce any monoterpenes. The recombinant enzyme has a broad pH optimum between 7.5 and 9.0 and the Km values for farnesyl diphosphate, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, and Mn<sup>2+</sup> are 0.9, 70, and 13 microM, respectively, at pH 7.5. A putative reaction mechanism for **amorpha-4,11-diene** synthase is suggested.

L5 ANSWER 14 OF 15 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 6  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000091820 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 10626375  
 TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene**  
 synthase catalyses the first probable step in artemisinin biosynthesis.  
 AUTHOR: Bouwmeester H J; Wallaart T E; Janssen M H; van Loo B;  
 Jansen B J; Posthumus M A; Schmidt C O; De Kraker J W;  
 Konig W A; Franssen M C  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Research Institute for Agrobiolology and Soil Fertility  
 (AB-DLO), Wageningen, Netherlands..  
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 SOURCE: Phytochemistry, (1999 Nov) 52 (5) 843-54.  
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AB The endoperoxide sesquiterpene lactone artemisinin and its derivatives are

a promising new group of drugs against malaria. Artemisinin is a constituent of the annual herb *Artemisia annua* L. So far only the later steps in artemisinin biosynthesis--from artemisinic acid--have been elucidated and the expected olefinic sesquiterpene intermediate has never been demonstrated. In pentane extracts of *A. annua* leaves we detected a sesquiterpene with the mass spectrum of **amorpha-4, 11-diene**. Synthesis of **amorpha-4, 11-diene** from artemisinic acid confirmed the identity. In addition we identified several sesquiterpene synthases of which one of the major activities catalysed the formation of **amorpha-4, 11-diene** from farnesyl diphosphate. This enzyme was partially purified and shows the typical characteristics of sesquiterpene synthases, such as a broad pH optimum around 6.5-7.0, a molecular mass of 56 kDa, and a K(m) of 0.6 microM. The structure and configuration of **amorpha-4, 11-diene**, its low content in *A. annua* and the high activity of **amorpha-4, 11-diene** synthase all support that **amorpha-4, 11-diene** is the likely olefinic sesquiterpene intermediate in the biosynthesis of artemisinin.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:305749  
 TITLE: Constituents of the leaf essential oil of *Cedrela odorata* L. from Nigeria  
 AUTHOR(S): Asekun, O. T.; Ekundayo, O.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemistry, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria  
 SOURCE: Flavour and Fragrance Journal (1999), 14(6), 390-392  
 CODEN: FFJOED; ISSN: 0882-5734  
 PUBLISHER: John Wiley & Sons Ltd.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB The essential oil compn. of *Cedrela odorata* L. leaves was comprehensively investigated by means of capillary GC and GC-MS. Twenty-six constituents were identified in the volatile oil. Sesquiterpenoids such as .alpha.-santalene (9.5%), .beta.-acoradiene (7.1%), .beta.-elemene (6.8%), caryophyllene oxide (6.0%) and Z-.alpha.-bergamotene (6.0%) were the dominant compds. Minor constituents included isocaryophyllene, .beta.-bisabolene, .beta.-alaskene and **amorpha-4, 11-diene**. A rare sesquiterpenoid sulfur deriv., mintsulfide, was identified for the first time in *C. odorata* essential oil.  
 REFERENCE COUNT: 13 THERE ARE 13 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD. ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

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## ABSTRACT:

Methods for synthesizing amorpha-4,11-diene synthase from isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. Amorpha-4,11-diene synthase is then produced using an optimized amorpha-4,11-diene synthase gene. The invention also provides nucleic acid sequences, enzymes, expression vectors, and transformed host cells for carrying out the methods.

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/006,909, filed on Dec. 6, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated by



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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 140:92683  
 TITLE: Preparation of amorpha-4,11-diene with transgenic  
 microorganisms producing isopentenyl- and  
 dimethylallyl pyrophosphates  
 INVENTOR(S): Keasling, Jay; Martin, Vincent; Pitera, Douglas;  
 Withers, Sydnor T.; Newman, Jack  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): USA  
 SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 75 pp., Cont.--in-part of U.S.  
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US 2003148479	A1	20030807	US 2001-6909	20011206

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AB Methods for synthesizing amorpha-4,11-diene from isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. Amorpha-4,11-diene is then produced with the transgenic microorganism which is further transformed with an optimized **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** gene. The amorpha-4,11-diene may be used in synthesis of the antimalarial drug artemisinin. Thus, amorpha-4,11-diene was prepd. from mevalonate supplied in the medium with Escherichia coli transformed with plasmid

pBBRMDIS-2, contg. the yeast genes idi (for isopentenyl pyrophosphate isomerase) and ispA (for farnesyl pyrophosphate synthase) and the genes for mevalonate kinase, phosphomevalonate kinase, mevalonate pyrophosphate decarboxylase, and **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**. The yield was 2 .mu.g amorpha-4,11-diene/mL.

L2 ANSWER 2 OF 13 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:609986 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 139:160786  
TITLE: Biosynthesis of isopentenyl pyrophosphate using recombinant microbial metabolic pathways  
INVENTOR(S): Keasling, Jay; Martin, Vincent; Pitera, Douglas; Kim, Seon-Won; Withers, Sydnor T.; Yoshikuni, Yasuo; Newman, Jack; Khlebnikov, Artem Valentinovich  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): USA  
SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 40 pp.  
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AB Methods for synthesizing isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. A related method comprises introducing into a host microorganism an intermediate in the mevalonate pathway and at least one heterologous nucleic acid sequence, each sequence coding for an enzyme in the mevalonate pathway necessary for converting the intermediate into isopentenyl pyrophosphate. The invention also provides nucleic acid sequences, enzymes, expression vectors, and transformed host cells for carrying out the methods.

L2 ANSWER 3 OF 13 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 2  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003324605 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12778056  
TITLE: Engineering a mevalonate pathway in Escherichia coli for production of terpenoids.  
AUTHOR: Martin Vincent J J; Pitera Douglas J; Withers Sydnor T; Newman Jack D; Keasling Jay D  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Chemical Engineering, 201 Gilman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720-1462, USA.  
SOURCE: Nature biotechnology, (2003 Jul) 21 (7) 796-802.  
Journal code: 9604648. ISSN: 1087-0156.  
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AB Isoprenoids are the most numerous and structurally diverse family of natural products. Terpenoids, a class of isoprenoids often isolated from plants, are used as commercial flavor and fragrance compounds and antimalarial or anticancer drugs. Because plant tissue extractions typically yield low terpenoid concentrations, we sought an alternative

method to produce high-value terpenoid compounds, such as the antimalarial drug artemisinin, in a microbial host. We engineered the expression of a synthetic **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** gene and the mevalonate isoprenoid pathway from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* in *Escherichia coli*. Concentrations of amorphaadiene, the sesquiterpene olefin precursor to artemisinin, reached 24 microg caryophyllene equivalent/ml. Because isopentenyl and dimethylallyl pyrophosphates are the universal precursors to all isoprenoids, the strains developed in this study can serve as platform hosts for the production of any terpenoid compound for which a terpene synthase gene is available.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:687697 SCISEARCH  
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TITLE: Scale-up of *Artemisia annua* L. hairy root cultures produces complex patterns of terpenoid gene expression  
AUTHOR: Souret F F; Kim Y; Wysiouzil B E; Wobbe K K; Weathers P J (Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Worcester Polytech Inst, Dept Biol & Biotechnol, Worcester, MA 01609 USA (Reprint); Worcester Polytech Inst, Dept Chem Engr, Worcester, MA 01609 USA; Worcester Polytech Inst, Dept Chem & Biochem, Worcester, MA 01609 USA  
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SOURCE: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOENGINEERING, (20 SEP 2003) Vol. 83, No. 6, pp. 653-667.  
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AB Hairy roots grow quickly, reach high densities, and can produce significant amounts of secondary metabolites, yet their scale-up to bioreactors remains challenging. *Artemisia annua* produces a rich array of terpenoids, including the sesquiterpene, artemisinin, and transformed roots of this species provide a good model for studying terpenoid production. These cultures were examined in shake flasks and compared with cultures grown in two types of bioreactors, a mist reactor and a bubble column reactor, which provide very different environments for the growing roots. Mist reactors have been shown previously to result in cultures that produce significantly more artemisinin per gram fresh weight of culture, while bubble column reactors have produced greater biomass. We have compared expression levels of four key terpenoid biosynthetic genes: 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase (HMGR), 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5-phosphate synthase (DXS), 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5-phosphate reductoisomerase (DXR), and farnesyl diphosphate synthase (FPS) in the three culture conditions. In shake flasks we found that although all four genes showed temporal regulation, only FPS expression correlated with artemisinin production. Light also affected the transcription of all four genes. Although expression in reactors was equivalent to or greater than that of roots grown in shake flasks, no correlation was found between expression level within six different zones of each reactor and their respective oxygen levels, light, and root-packing density. Surprisingly, transcriptional regulation of HMGR, DXS, DXR, and FPS was greatly affected by the position of the roots in each reactor. Thus, relying on a single reactor sample to characterize the gene activity in a whole reactor can be misleading, especially if the goal is to examine the difference between reactor types or operating parameters, steps essential in scaling up cultures for production. (C) 2003 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

L2 ANSWER 5 OF 13 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 3  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:187822 CAPLUS  
 TITLE: Cloning, E. coli expression and molecular analysis of a novel sesquiterpene synthase gene from *Artemisia annua*  
 AUTHOR(S): Liu, Yan; Ye, Hechun; Li, Guofeng  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Key laboratory of Plant Photosynthesis and Environmental Molecular Physiology, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, 100093, Peop. Rep. China  
 SOURCE: Zhiwu Xuebao (2002), 44(12), 1450-1455  
 CODEN: CHWHAY; ISSN: 0577-7496  
 PUBLISHER: Kexue Chubanshe  
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 AB 1 886 bp full-length sesquiterpene synthase (AaSES) cDNA was cloned from a high-yield *Artemisia annua* L. strain 001 by a rapid amplification of cDNA end (RACE) strategy. AaSES was 59% identical to *Artemisia* cyclase cDNA clone cASCl25, 50% identical to epi-cedrol synthase from *A. annua*, 48% identical to **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** from *A. annua*, 39% identical to the 5-epi-aristolechene synthase from tobacco, 38% identical to vetispiradiene synthase from *H. muticus*, 41 % identical to the .delta.-cadinene synthase from cotton. The coding region of the cDNA was inserted into a procaryotic expression vector pET-30a and overexpressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3). The cyclase proteins extd. from bacterial culture were found largely in an insol. protein fraction. AaSES expressed in leaves, stems and flowers, not in roots as indicated by Northern blotting anal.  
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 AUTHOR: Cai Y; Jia J W; Crock J; Lin Z X; Chen X Y; Croteau R (Reprint)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Washington State Univ, Inst Biol Chem, Pullman, WA 99164 USA (Reprint); Chinese Acad Sci, Shanghai Inst Biol Sci, Inst Plant Physiol & Ecol, Natl Lab Plant Mol Genet, Shanghai 200032, Peoples R China; Shanghai Jiao Tong Univ, Coll Life Sci & Biotechnol, Shanghai 200030, Peoples R China  
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AB An homology-based cloning strategy yielded a full-length cDNA from *Artemisia annua* that encoded a protein of 60.3 kDa which resembled a sesquiterpene synthase in sequence. Heterologous expression of the gene in *Escherichia coli* provided a soluble recombinant enzyme capable of catalyzing the divalent metal ion-dependent conversion of farnesyl diphosphate to beta-caryophyllene, a sesquiterpene olefin found in the essential oil of *A. annua*. In reaction parameters and kinetic properties, beta-caryophyllene synthase resembles other sesquiterpene synthases of angiosperms. The beta-caryophyllene synthase gene is expressed in most plant tissues during early development, and is induced in mature tissue in response to fungal elicitor thus suggesting a role for beta-caryophyllene

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THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 595BV  
TITLE: Cloning and functional characterization of a beta-pinene synthase from *Artemisia annua* that shows a circadian pattern of expression  
AUTHOR: Lu S; Xu R; Jia J W; Pang J H; Matsuda S P T; Chen X Y (Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Chinese Acad Sci, Shanghai Inst Biol Sci, Inst Plant Physiol & Ecol, Natl Lab Plant Mol Genet, Shanghai 200032, Peoples R China (Reprint); Rice Univ, Dept Chem, Houston, TX 77251 USA; Rice Univ, Dept Biochem & Cell Biol, Houston, TX 77251 USA  
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AB *Artemisia annua* plants produce a broad range of volatile compounds, including monoterpenes, which contribute to the characteristic fragrance of this medicinal species. A cDNA clone, QH6, contained an open reading frame encoding a 582-amino acid protein that showed high sequence identity to plant monoterpene synthases. The prokaryotically expressed QH6 fusion protein converted geranyl diphosphate to (-)-beta-pinene and (-)-alpha-pinene in a 94:6 ratio. QH6 was predominantly expressed in juvenile leaves 2 weeks postsprouting. QH6 transcript levels were transiently reduced following mechanical wounding or fungal elicitor treatment, suggesting that this gene is not directly involved in defense reaction induced by either of these treatments. Under a photoperiod of 12 h/12 h (light/dark), the abundance of QH6 transcripts fluctuated in a diurnal pattern that ebbed around 3 h before daybreak (9th h in the dark phase) and peaked after 9 h in light (9th h in the light phase). The contents of (-)-beta-pinene in juvenile leaves and in emitted volatiles also varied in a diurnal rhythm, correlating strongly with mRNA accumulation. When *A. annua* was entrained by constant light or constant dark conditions, QH6 transcript accumulation continued to fluctuate with circadian rhythms. Under constant light, advanced cycles of fluctuation of QH6 transcript levels were observed, and under constant dark, the cycle was delayed. However, the original diurnal pattern could be regained when the plants were returned to the normal light/dark (12 h/12 h) photoperiod. This is the first report that monoterpene biosynthesis is transcriptionally regulated in a circadian pattern.

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TITLE: Isolation and characterization of two germacrene A synthase cDNA clones from chicory  
AUTHOR: Bouwmeester H J (Reprint); Kodde J; Verstappen F W A; Altug I G; de Kraker J W; Wallaart T E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Plant Res Int, Business Unit Cell Cybernet, POB 16, NL-6700 AA Wageningen, Netherlands (Reprint); Plant Res Int, Business Unit Cell Cybernet, NL-6700 AA Wageningen, Netherlands; Univ Hamburg, Dept Organ Chem, D-20146 Hamburg, Germany; Wageningen Univ Agr, Dept Organ Chem, NL-6703 HB Wageningen, Netherlands; Univ Groningen, Univ Ctr Pharm, Dept Pharmaceut Biol, NL-9713 AV Groningen, Netherlands  
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AB Chicory (*Cichorium intybus*) sesquiterpene lactones were recently shown to be derived from a common sesquiterpene intermediate, (+)-germacrene A. Germacrene A is of interest because of its key role in sesquiterpene lactone biosynthesis and because it is an enzyme-bound intermediate in the biosynthesis of a number of phytoalexins. Using polymerase chain reaction with degenerate primers, we have isolated two sesquiterpene synthases from chicory that exhibited 72% amino acid identity. Heterologous expression of the genes in *Escherichia coli* has shown that they both catalyze exclusively the formation of (+)-germacrene A, making this the first report, to our knowledge, on the isolation of (+)-germacrene A synthase (GAS)-encoding genes. Northern analysis demonstrated that both genes were expressed in all chicory tissues tested albeit at varying levels. Protein isolation and partial purification from chicory heads demonstrated the presence of two GAS proteins. On MonoQ, these proteins co-eluted with the two heterologously produced proteins. The K<sub>m</sub> value, pH optimum, and MonoQ elution volume of one of the proteins produced in *E. coli* were similar to the values reported for the GAS protein that was recently purified from chicory roots. Finally, the two deduced amino acid sequences were modeled, and the resulting protein models were compared with the crystal structure of tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) 5-*epi*-aristolochene synthase, which forms germacrene A as an enzyme-bound intermediate en route to 5-*epi*-aristolochene. The possible involvement of a number of amino acids in sesquiterpene synthase product specificity is discussed.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11289612  
TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**: cloning and functional expression of a key enzyme in the biosynthetic pathway of the novel antimalarial drug artemisinin.  
AUTHOR: Wallaart T E; Bouwmeester H J; Hille J; Poppinga L; Maijers N C  
CORPORATE SOURCE: GenoClipp Biotechnology BV, Meditech Center, Groningen, The Netherlands.. mail@genoclipp.com  
SOURCE: Planta, (2001 Feb) 212 (3) 460-5.  
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AB The sesquiterpenoid artemisinin, isolated these from the plant *Artemisia annua* L., and its semi-synthetic derivatives are a new and very effective group of antimalarial drugs. A branch point in the biosynthesis of this compound is the cyclisation of the ubiquitous precursor farnesyl diphosphate into the first specific precursor of artemisinin, namely amorpha-4,11-diene. Here we describe the isolation of a cDNA clone encoding **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**. The deduced amino acid sequence exhibits the highest identity (50%) with a putative sesquiterpene cyclase of *A. annua*. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyses the formation of amorpha-4,11-diene from farnesyl diphosphate. Introduction

of the gene into tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.) resulted in the expression of an active enzyme and the accumulation of amorpha-4,11-diene ranging from 0.2 to 1.7 ng per g fresh weight.

L2 ANSWER 10 OF 13 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:144616 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:204840  
TITLE: *Artemisia annua* **amorpha-4, 11-diene synthase**, its cDNA, recombinant expression, and methods of amorpha-4,11-diene and artemisinin synthesis via transgenic plants  
INVENTOR(S): Wallaart, Thorvald Eelco; Bouwmeester, Hendrik Jan  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Neth.  
SOURCE: Eur. Pat. Appl., 41 pp.  
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AB **Amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** from *Artemisia annua* L., its cDNA, recombinant expression, and methods of prep. amorph-4,11-diene and artemisinin from farnesyl pyrophosphate (FPP) using transgenic organism are provided. Amorph-4,11-diene is a precursor of the new anti-malarial drug artemisinin produced by the plant *Artemisia annua* L. A cDNA encoding **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** from *A. annua* has been isolated and sequenced, and the corresponding amino acid sequence has been detd. Recombinant **amorpha-4, 11-diene synthase** expressed in *E. coli*, transgenic tobacco, and transgenic *A. annua* catalyzed conversion of FPP into amorph-4,11-diene. Further conversion of amorph-4,11-diene into artemisinin was obsd. in transgenic *A. annua*. The invention may be useful in obtaining enhanced prodn. of stereochem. desirable artemisinin.

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 TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** of *Artemisia annua*: cDNA isolation and bacterial expression of a terpene synthase involved in artemisinin biosynthesis.  
 AUTHOR: Chang Y J; Song S H; Park S H; Kim S U  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: School of Agricultural Biotechnology and the Research Center for New Biomaterials in Agriculture, Seoul National University, Suwon, Korea.  
 SOURCE: Archives of biochemistry and biophysics, (2000 Nov 15) 383 (2) 178-84.  
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AB *Artemisia annua*, an indigenous plant to Korea, contains an antimalarial sesquiterpene, artemisinin. The first committed step of artemisinin biosynthesis is the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate by a sesquiterpene synthase to produce an amorphane-type ring system. The aims of this research were to molecularly clone and express **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** for metabolic engineering. PCR amplification of genomic DNA with a pair of primers, designed from the conserved regions of sesquiterpene synthases of several plants, produced a 184-bp DNA fragment. This fragment was used in Northern blot analysis as a probe, showing approximately 2.2 kb of a single band. Its sequence information was used to produce 2106 bp of a full-length cDNA sequence including 1641 bp of open reading frame for 546 amino acids (kcs12) through a rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE). The deduced amino acid sequence displayed 36% identity with 5-epi-aristolochene synthase of *Nicotiana tabacum*. A soluble fraction of *Escherichia coli* harboring kcs12 catalyzed the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate to produce a sesquiterpene, which was identified through GC-MS analysis as amorpha-4,11-diene.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11032404  
 TITLE: Molecular cloning, expression, and characterization of **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**, a key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis in *Artemisia annua* L.  
 AUTHOR: Mercke P; Bengtsson M; Bouwmeester H J; Posthumus M A; Brodelius P E  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Plant Biochemistry, Lund University, Sweden.  
 SOURCE: Archives of biochemistry and biophysics, (2000 Sep 15) 381 (2) 173-80.  
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AB In plants, sesquiterpenes of different structural types are biosynthesized from the isoprenoid intermediate farnesyl diphosphate. The initial

reaction of the biosynthesis is catalyzed by sesquiterpene cyclases (synthases). In *Artemisia annua* L. (annual wormwood), a number of such sesquiterpene cyclases are active. We have isolated a cDNA clone encoding one of these, **amorpha-4,11-diene**

**synthase**, a putative key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis. This clone contains a 1641-bp open reading frame coding for 546 amino acids (63.9 kDa), a 12-bp 5'-untranslated end, and a 427-bp 3'-untranslated sequence. The deduced amino acid sequence is 32 to 51% identical with the sequence of other known sesquiterpene cyclases from angiosperms. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyzed the formation of both olefinic (97.5%) and oxygenated (2.5%) sesquiterpenes from farnesyl diphosphate. GC-MS analysis identified the olefins as (E)-beta-farnesene (0.8%), amorpha-4,11diene (91.2%), amorpha-4,7(11)-diene (3.7%), gamma-humulene (1.0%), beta-sesquiphellandrene (0.5%), and an unknown olefin (0.2%) and the oxygenated sesquiterpenes as amorpha-4-en-11-ol (0.2%) (tentatively), amorpha-4-en-7-ol (2.1%), and alpha-bisabolol (0.3%) (tentatively). Using geranyl diphosphate as substrate, **amorpha-4,11-diene**

**synthase** did not produce any monoterpenes. The recombinant enzyme has a broad pH optimum between 7.5 and 9.0 and the Km values for farnesyl diphosphate, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, and Mn<sup>2+</sup> are 0.9, 70, and 13 microM, respectively, at pH 7.5. A putative reaction mechanism for **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** is suggested.

L2 ANSWER 13 OF 13 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 7

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000091820 MEDLINE

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TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene**

**synthase** catalyses the first probable step in artemisinin biosynthesis.

AUTHOR: Bouwmeester H J; Wallaart T E; Janssen M H; van Loo B; Jansen B J; Posthumus M A; Schmidt C O; De Kraker J W; Konig W A; Franssen M C

CORPORATE SOURCE: Research Institute for Agrobiolgy and Soil Fertility (AB-DLO), Wageningen, Netherlands..  
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AB The endoperoxide sesquiterpene lactone artemisinin and its derivatives are a promising new group of drugs against malaria. Artemisinin is a constituent of the annual herb *Artemisia annua* L. So far only the later steps in artemisinin biosynthesis--from artemisinic acid--have been elucidated and the expected olefinic sesquiterpene intermediate has never been demonstrated. In pentane extracts of *A. annua* leaves we detected a sesquiterpene with the mass spectrum of amorpha-4,11-diene. Synthesis of amorpha-4,11-diene from artemisinic acid confirmed the identity. In addition we identified several sesquiterpene synthases of which one of the major activities catalysed the formation of amorpha-4,11-diene from farnesyl diphosphate. This enzyme was partially purified and shows the typical characteristics of sesquiterpene synthases, such as a broad pH optimum around 6.5-7.0, a molecular mass of 56 kDa, and a K(m) of 0.6 microM. The structure and configuration of amorpha-4,11-diene, its low content in *A. annua* and the high activity of **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** all support that amorpha-4,11-diene is the likely olefinic sesquiterpene intermediate in the biosynthesis of artemisinin.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:609986 CAPLUS

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TITLE: Biosynthesis of isopentenyl pyrophosphate using  
recombinant microbial metabolic pathways

INVENTOR(S): Keasling, Jay; Martin, Vincent; Pitera, Douglas; Kim,  
Seon-Won; Withers, Sydnor T.; Yoshikuni, Yasuo;  
Newman, Jack; Khlebnikov, Artem Valentinovich

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): USA

SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 40 pp.

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AB Methods for synthesizing isopentenyl pyrophosphate are provided. A first  
method comprises introducing into a host microorganism a plurality of

heterologous nucleic acid sequences, each coding for a different enzyme in the mevalonate pathway for producing isopentenyl pyrophosphate. A related method comprises introducing into a host microorganism an intermediate in the mevalonate pathway and at least one heterologous nucleic acid sequence, each sequence coding for an enzyme in the mevalonate pathway necessary for converting the intermediate into isopentenyl pyrophosphate. The invention also provides nucleic acid sequences, enzymes, expression vectors, and transformed host cells for carrying out the methods.

L5 ANSWER 2 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001197498 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11289612  
TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**: cloning and functional expression of a key enzyme in the biosynthetic pathway of the novel antimalarial drug artemisinin.  
AUTHOR: Wallaart T E; Bouwmeester H J; Hille J; Poppinga L; Maijers N C  
CORPORATE SOURCE: GenoClipp Biotechnology BV, Meditech Center, Groningen, The Netherlands.. mail@genoclipp.com  
SOURCE: Planta, (2001 Feb) 212 (3) 460-5.  
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AB The sesquiterpenoid artemisinin, isolated these from the plant *Artemisia annua* L., and its semi-synthetic derivatives are a new and very effective group of antimalarial drugs. A branch point in the biosynthesis of this compound is the cyclisation of the ubiquitous precursor farnesyl diphosphate into the first specific precursor of artemisinin, namely amorpha-4,11-diene. Here we describe the isolation of a cDNA clone encoding **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**. The deduced amino acid sequence exhibits the highest identity (50%) with a putative sesquiterpene cyclase of *A. annua*. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyses the formation of amorpha-4,11-diene from farnesyl diphosphate. Introduction of the gene into tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.) resulted in the expression of an active enzyme and the accumulation of amorpha-4,11-diene ranging from 0.2 to 1.7 ng per g fresh weight.

L5 ANSWER 3 OF 5 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:144616 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:204840  
TITLE: *Artemisia annua* **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**, its cDNA, recombinant expression, and methods of amorpha-4,11-diene and artemisinin synthesis via transgenic plants  
INVENTOR(S): Wallaart, Thorvald Eelco; Bouwmeester, Hendrik Jan  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Neth.  
SOURCE: Eur. Pat. Appl., 41 pp.  
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AB **Amorpha-4,11-diene**  
**synthase** from *Artemisia annua* L., its cDNA, recombinant  
 expression, and methods of prep. amorpha-4,11-diene and artemisinin from  
 farnesyl pyrophosphate (FPP) using transgenic organism are provided.  
 Amorpha-4,11-diene is a precursor of the new anti-malarial drug  
 artemisinin produced by the plant *Artemisia annua* L. A cDNA encoding  
**amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**  
 from *A. annua* has been isolated and sequenced, and the corresponding amino  
 acid sequence has been detd. Recombinant **amorpha-4,**  
**11-diene synthase** expressed in *E. coli*,  
 transgenic tobacco, and transgenic *A. annua* catalyzed conversion of FPP  
 into amorpha-4,11-diene. Further conversion of amorpha-4,11-diene into  
 artemisinin was obsd. in transgenic *A. annua*. The invention may be useful  
 in obtaining enhanced prodn. of stereochem. desirable artemisinin.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001128077 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11185551  
 TITLE: **Amorpha-4,11-diene**  
**synthase** of *Artemisia annua*: cDNA isolation and  
 bacterial expression of a terpene synthase involved in  
 artemisinin biosynthesis.  
 AUTHOR: Chang Y J; Song S H; Park S H; Kim S U  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: School of Agricultural Biotechnology and the Research  
 Center for New Biomaterials in Agriculture, Seoul National  
 University, Suwon, Korea.  
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AB *Artemisia annua*, an indigenous plant to Korea, contains an antimalarial



sesquiterpene, artemisinin. The first committed step of artemisinin biosynthesis is the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate by a sesquiterpene synthase to produce an amorphane-type ring system. The aims of this research were to molecularly clone and express **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** for metabolic engineering. PCR amplification of genomic DNA with a pair of primers, designed from the conserved regions of sesquiterpene synthases of several plants, produced a 184-bp DNA fragment. This fragment was used in Northern blot analysis as a probe, showing approximately 2.2 kb of a single band. Its sequence information was used to produce 2106 bp of a full-length cDNA sequence including 1641 bp of open reading frame for 546 amino acids (kcs12) through a rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE). The deduced amino acid sequence displayed 36% identity with 5-epi-aristolochene synthase of *Nicotiana tabacum*. A soluble fraction of *Escherichia coli* harboring kcs12 catalyzed the cyclization of farnesyl diphosphate to produce a sesquiterpene, which was identified through GC-MS analysis as amorpha-4,11-diene.

L5 ANSWER 5 OF 5 MEDLINE on STN  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000479808 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 11032404  
 TITLE: Molecular cloning, expression, and characterization of **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**, a key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis in *Artemisia annua* L.  
 AUTHOR: Mercke P; Bengtsson M; Bouwmeester H J; Posthumus M A; Brodelius P E  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Plant Biochemistry, Lund University, Sweden.  
 SOURCE: Archives of biochemistry and biophysics, (2000 Sep 15) 381 (2) 173-80.  
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AB In plants, sesquiterpenes of different structural types are biosynthesized from the isoprenoid intermediate farnesyl diphosphate. The initial reaction of the biosynthesis is catalyzed by sesquiterpene cyclases (synthases). In *Artemisia annua* L. (annual wormwood), a number of such sesquiterpene cyclases are active. We have isolated a cDNA clone encoding one of these, **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase**, a putative key enzyme of artemisinin biosynthesis. This clone contains a 1641-bp open reading frame coding for 546 amino acids (63.9 kDa), a 12-bp 5'-untranslated end, and a 427-bp 3'-untranslated sequence. The deduced amino acid sequence is 32 to 51% identical with the sequence of other known sesquiterpene cyclases from angiosperms. When expressed in *Escherichia coli*, the recombinant enzyme catalyzed the formation of both olefinic (97.5%) and oxygenated (2.5%) sesquiterpenes from farnesyl diphosphate. GC-MS analysis identified the olefins as (E)-beta-farnesene (0.8%), amorpha-4,11diene (91.2%), amorpha-4,7(11)-diene (3.7%), gamma-humulene (1.0%), beta-sesquiphellandrene (0.5%), and an unknown olefin (0.2%) and the oxygenated sesquiterpenes as amorpha-4-en-11-ol (0.2%) (tentatively), amorpha-4-en-7-ol (2.1%), and alpha-bisabolol (0.3%) (tentatively). Using geranyl diphosphate as substrate, **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** did not produce any monoterpenes. The recombinant enzyme has a broad pH optimum between 7.5 and 9.0 and the Km values for farnesyl diphosphate, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, and Mn<sup>2+</sup> are 0.9, 70, and 13 microM, respectively, at pH 7.5. A putative reaction mechanism for **amorpha-4,11-diene synthase** is suggested.

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